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For : **SHAFT FOR LIGHTWEIGHT GOLF CLUBS**
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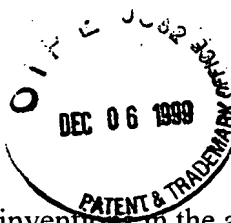
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RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 12, 1999, having a thirty day response period for response which expires on December 13, 1999, Applicant elects the following invention for prosecution on the merits:



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The Examiner identified two inventions in the application, identified as:

- I. Claims 1-18, drawn to a golf club shaft, classified in class 473, subclass 319.
- II Claims 19-20, drawn to a method of forming a golf club shaft, classified in class 156, subclass 184.

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Applicant elects the first invention (I) identified above, which is directed to a golf club shaft, to be examined in this application. The claims readable thereon include claims 1-18..

Applicant retains the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected invention.

It is respectfully proposed that this application is now in condition for allowance.

An early and favorable consideration on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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